

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY  
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 8, 2022

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, SC at 6:00 p.m. In accordance with S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, amended Section 30-4-80, print and broadcast news media were notified of the time, date, place, and web location of this meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. John Bradley, Chairman  
Mr. Cameron Nuessle, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Jason Crane  
Dr. Patricia Hanks  
Ms. Patrice-Rhinehart-Jackson  
Mr. Brian Silas  
Mr. Dwight Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Barry Moulton  
Mrs. Sandra Shealey

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. King Laurence, Superintendent  
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant  
to Superintendent/Board of Education

Chairman Bradley called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Chairman Bradley announced that due to personal matters, Vice-Chair Nuessle will facilitate tonight's meeting.

Moment of Silence and Pledge were led by Vice Chair Nuessle

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Vice Chair Nuessle stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 22, and the Special Called Meeting on March 1, 2022 were presented for approval; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 22, 2022 and the Special Called Meeting on March 1, 2022; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No Requests or Sign Ups this meeting.

VIDEO RECOGNITION

- The Schofield Middle School Academic Team were recognized as District Champions.
- Jared Allison, a student at Aiken High School and Kaitlyn Golyski, a student at South Aiken High School were recognized for winning individual swim State Titles at this year's State Championship Swim Meet

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

- No Items This Meeting

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2022-23, certified retiree rehires for school year 2022-2023, classified personnel for school year 2021-22, and non- supplemental school personnel for school year 2021-22; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-2 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE:  
POLICY JIH STUDENT SEARCHES, INTERROGATIONS AND ARRESTS, FIRST READING  
ADMINISTRATIVE RULE JIH-R STUDENT SEARCHES INTERROGATIONS AND ARRESTS; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the following policy and administrative rule: Policy JIH Student Searches, Interrogations and Arrests, First Reading and Administrative Rule JIH-R Student Searches, Interrogations and Arrests; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-3 REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, AND FILES.  
POLICY KA SCHOOL PARENT-COMMUNITY RELATIONS GOALS/PRIORITY OBJECTIVES, FIRST READING  
POLICY KF COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITES, FIRST READING  
POLICY KJI RELATIONS WITH SENIOR CITIZENS  
POLICY KLG RELATIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMEN AUTHORITIES, FIRST READING  
POLICY KLGA SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS, FIRST READING  
ADMINISTRATIVE RULE KJI-R  
FILE KF-E SCHOOL FACILITY RENTAL CONTRACT; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve the above following policies, administrative rule and files; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- A-4 SUSPENSION OF PORTIONS OF POLICY IKE-R FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to suspend indicated portion of administrative rule IKE-R for the 2022-2023; SECONDED by Dr. Hanks; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-5 APPROVAL TO MAKE A CONTRACT AWARD FOR DEMOGRAPHIC AND FACILITY ASSESSMENT SERVICES; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to authorize the Procurement Department to award the contract for Demographics Assessment to MGT Consulting who has been determined by the panel to be most advantageous for the District, and approve the use of EIA Aid-to-District funds of \$201,071 to cover the cost not budgeted originally.
- A-6 CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ESSER II FUNDING REVISIONS; Mr. Crane MOVED to approve the ESSER II spending plan revisions to cover COVID leave (Amendment #4). Upon board approval, the revised plan will be submitted to the SCDE for consideration; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- A-7 MODIFIED CALENDAR FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR; Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adopt the proposed 2023-2024 calendar, SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-1 (Mr. Crane opposed).

#### CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSIONS: Superintendent Laurence recommended to ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by the Hearing Officer.
- B-2 OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS – TRANSFERS IN; Superintendent Laurence recommended that the students be allowed to enroll in Aiken County Schools. The parent/legal guardian would be responsible for paying the \$750.00 tuition fee (\$1,000 family cap).

- B-3 ASSOCIATION FOR MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION (AMLE) THE PLAYBOOK CHALLENGE GRANT AWARD TO LEAVELLE MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL - NFY22: Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE) The Playbook Challenge Grant Award in the amount of \$5,000 to Leavelle McCampbell Middle School and receipt of funds and adjustment to the FY22 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the grant award and expenditures.
- B-4 CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATIONS PROJECT; Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve Change Order #2 from McKnight Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$43,646.00 for the Belvedere Elementary School Addition and Renovations Project.
- B-5 2022 CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE NEW CAR LOOP AT J.D. LEVER ELEMENTARY PAVING PROJECT; Superintendent Laurence recommended to authorize the administration to accept the low base bid for a total contract amount of \$385,274.00 and enter into a contract with Hamilton Paving, LLC.
- B-6 FINAL ARCHITECTURE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR AIKEN HIGH AUDITORIUM ADDITION PHASE 4 PROJECT; Superintendent Laurence recommended to approve the Final Construction Contract drawings and budget for the Aiken High School Addition Phase 4 Auditorium Addition Project Final Architectural Contract Documents and allow the administration to proceed with advertising and the acceptance of construction bids.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-6 as presented;  
SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

- C-2 COSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE HAMMOND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITIONS AND RENOVATION PROJECT; The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- C-3 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE HIGHLAND SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT; The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.

#### INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

#### OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

##### SUPERINTENDENTS UPDATE

- Professional Development – Superintendent Laurence gave a brief overview of professional development classes being held for certified staff.
- Superintendent Laurence Congratulated the Silver Bluff High School Girls Basketball Team for their runner-up finish in the Class 2A Lowerstate Championship. He also congratulated the North Augusta Girls Basketball Team for their runner-up finish in the State 4A Girls State Championship Game.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice-Chair Nuessle announced the Board would need a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the following matters in such order as the Board deem appropriate. Student Matters – Admission of Transfer Student to the District (Area One); Employment Matter – Employee Contractual Matter.

Mr. Crane MOVED to enter into Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Regular Session recessed at 7:20 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 7:49 p.m.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED BY Mr. Crane;  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vice-Chair Nuessle announced while in Executive Session the board considered or received information concerning the following matters. Student Matters – Admission of Transfer Student to the District (Area One); Employment Matter – Employee Contractual Matter.

#### STUDENT MATTERS

##### ADMISSION OF TRANSFER STUDENT TO THE DISTRICT (AREA ONE)

Mr. Crane MOVED to deny the student admission to the Aiken County Public School District;  
SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

##### EMPLOYEE CONTRACTUAL MATTER

Mr. Silas MOVED to direct the administration to make a formal complain to the State Board of Education regarding Employee A and Employee B's breach of contract; SECONDED by Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Rhinehart-Jackson MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mr. Crane; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Kim Chriswell

APPROVED:

